FILTERING TECHNIQUES FOR MANAGING
ACCESS TO INTERNET SITES OR OTHER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and system for providing flexible access resources or services related to particular software applications are described. The system includes a database of Internet sites that have been categorized so that the system determines the category of information that a user is accessing on the Internet. The system is also programmed so users are only allowed to access sites a limited number of times. The system is further programmed to limit a user's access to the Internet based on the network's current bandwidth usage. Moreover, users can requested a postponed access, wherein the resource or service they are requesting is stored to a server, and available to the user at a later time. In addition, if a user chooses to access a resource or service that is within certain predefined categories, they are presented with the option of retrieving the resource or service, but notified that their access will be logged to a file.

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